

COUNTRY

Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC

Military Information from the Bittkau Training Area

25X1X

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT

25X1A

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED 14 September 1951

REFERENCES

25X1A

25X1A

PAGES

1

ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

RETURN TO CIA  
LIBRARY

25X1X

NO  
NOT  
CORRELATE

PREPARED  
 CHECKED  
 INDEXED  
 FILED  
 14 SEP 1951  
 25X1A

1. On 27 August 1951, the Ringfurth-Polte road was blocked by a Soviet sentry about 500 meters northeast of Ringfurth. Another sentry blocked the Bittkau-Polte road, about 2 km southwest of Bittkau, allegedly because of firing practice with live ammunition. A radio truck with extended antenna about 6 meters high and with a [REDACTED], was seen behind a wooden shed near the latter sentry. No firing was heard throughout the day. Residents of Bittkau stated that Soviet soldiers constructed a pontoon bridge at the Elbe River bend near Polte between 20 and 23 August. They later disassembled it. Prior to the bridge-building practice, numerous trucks with troops and pontoons had arrived from the direction of Tangerhuetten, and were probably still staying in the engineer training area on 27 August as no troops were seen leaving the area.

25X1B

2. Trucks which were seen driving through Bittkau toward the troop camp were [REDACTED]

25X1B

25X1B

- 25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment. It is possible that the engineer unit entrained in the Templin area during the night of 20 August 1951 may have gone to Tangerhuetten and participated in the bridge-building practice. See [REDACTED]. The vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to the IX and LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG from Bernburg, the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, and individual vehicles to the 18th Pzcs Div and a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army. With the exception of the engineer troops from Bernburg, the troops mentioned were previously observed at the engineer training site. See [REDACTED].

25X1A

25X1A

Document No.	11
No Change in Class.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declassified	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class. Changed To:	TS 3 0
Auth:	HR 70-2
Date:	22 Aug 78
By:	033

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~